MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information. The Government have not called for the lists and the lists are not here.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the *Proverthikars* have sent a preliminary list?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer shows that the lists might have been prepared of the available lands.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the land in the enjoyment of private persons may not be included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be included. It is not precluded. From Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules, the member will see that such a thing is contemplated. The Committee will go into the whole question and see how the lands in occupation should be dealt with when making the selection.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): If the land is in the occupation of a private person for a long time, will it be exempted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not necessarily. I would ask the member to read that rule, which makes provision for it.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Does that section cancel the Puduval Rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If a block is selected for colonisation, then Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules will operate; if not, the ordinary Puduval Rules apply.

Extent of Land available in each Taluk for Colonisation.

241. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of the land taken from each taluk for the Land Colonisation Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No land has yet been finally selected for registry under the Land Colonisation Rules. 14 committees of officials and non-officials have been appointed to select, after local inspection, lands fit to be constituted into compact blocks for colonisation purposes. The committees have not closed their labours.

The Paravar Community and Fee Concession.

242. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Paravar community (tree climbers) of North Travancore is included among the depressed and backward communities for the purpose of fee concession in the Education Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Paravar community is included among the communities backward in point of English education, and the poor pupils of the community are allowed half-fee concession in English Schools.

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